

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, May 19, 2008 at 4:30pm at Lilly Nature Center.

Present at said meeting were Garnet Peck, Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Karen Springer Mary Nauman and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Council members Gerald Thomas and Ann Hunt were also present. Council member Gerry Keen and Lee Booth were absent.

Garnet convened the Board at 4:35pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting. Paula motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Noted the Farmers' Market is underway.
- Presented a brief pool report; noting more to follow in Pennie or Chris' report.
- Thanked Eli Lilly's Tippecanoe Laboratories sixteen volunteers that assisted at Celery Bog Nature area last Thursday, as part of Lilly's Global Day of Service, which has a common goal of improving the communities in which the Lilly employees live and work.
- Reported the installation of new adopt-a-spot signs is underway.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- Reported softball started last week, with Wednesday and Thursday's games being rained out. Make-up games are being scheduled.
- 14th annual Global Fest will be on Saturday, August 30, from 10:00am until 9:00pm, Labor Day weekend. The Mayor has raised \$8,150.00 to date.
- Parts for University Farm playground have been ordered to upgrade the equipment to meet the new ASTM and CPSC standards. It is the oldest equipment we have, original installation was in 1993 and it is due for replacement.

Parks – Joe reported in Lee's absence on the following:

- Inspection reports available.
- Prepared softball fields for the season.
- Final pool preparation is almost complete, with the inspection set for Wednesday, May 21, 1:00pm.
- Grounds maintenance is trying to keep up on everything.
- The Master Gardeners planted the landscape areas north of the basketball courts in Cumberland Park.

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The Happy Hollow Elementary School students will be painting footprints on the new sidewalk path to the pool. Katherine Pechin's class has prepared templates and will be painting their artwork, weather permitting, tomorrow morning. They had a test run today.
- Jennifer Stevens has been hired to help in the office.

- The official opening of the pool will be this Friday, May 23, with Splash Bash. The pool will open at 1:00pm and remain open for the rest of the season, through August 10. West Lafayette's schoolchildren will have their last day on Friday.
- Summer camps will begin soon. Girls & Boys basketball camps will begin June 2. Volleyball camp will begin the following week.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- The Mor' Danc'n Recital was well attended on Saturday, April 26. We estimate that 800 people attended, including over 300 dancers.
- Active Living and Senior Fun Day was held on Wednesday, May 14. Approximately 360 seniors attended the movie and visited the wellness booths in the lobby. One-hundred sixty seniors attended the free lunch at Columbian Park, despite the mist and rain. Morton Community Center received one of two 2008 Leadership Awards presented at the luncheon.
- Morton Community Center was one of the 20 polling locations for the primary election. The process went very well, as nearly 800 people used the Morton location to vote.
- Noted she will be attending a Health Fair at State Farm on Wednesday, June 4, from 11:00am-1:00pm.

Old Business

River City Fencing Addendum

Brenda proposed Park Board approval allowing the Riverside Fencing group to be released from their current lease obligation one month early. By doing so, this would allow Purdue's Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences to begin their lease of room 102 as of July 1, 2008. Mike motioned approval as presented. Mary seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Morton Rental Proposal

Brenda presented the rental agreement from the Purdue Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences/College of Liberal Arts – Purdue University. As of July 1, 2008, they want to lease Rooms 100 and 102 exclusively, and want to use Room 101 three times a week from 10:30a-11:30a (Tues., Wed., & Thurs.), along with similar times in the Multipurpose Room, when available. The monthly rent for the above-mentioned rooms would be \$1,300.00. Following the first year, the monthly rental fee will increase 5% annually. They have requested the installation of a small toilet in one of the current storage room areas, a small hand washing sink for children in one of the rooms, and a larger sink for dishwashing in the other room by August 20, 2008. In addition to these requests, they are requesting Room 102 to be painted by January 4, 2009. They are no longer requesting Room 100 to be painted. Mary motioned to approve the lease and requests as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Celery Bog Nature Area Research Project

Dan Shepardson & Dane Brown were available for questions or comments from the Park Board regarding their request the previous month for conducting an amphibian study in Celery Bog Nature Area as partial fulfillment for Mr. Brown's master's degree. The Park Board wished him well with his studies.

New Business**Nighthawk Trail Realignment**

Joe presented information regarding Aldi's interest in obtaining land next to the Dahnke Overhead Door Co. Part of the property in question currently falls under the city's jurisdiction, and is maintained by the Parks department. Following much discussion and concerns of the Board, they agreed it would be in the best interest of the department for Aldi officials to attend a future meeting and present their proposal for the property.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported on the following:

- The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, May 21.
- The last day of school is Friday, May 23, with students attending in the a.m. only.
- The Parent Council Committee is sponsoring a reception at the West Lafayette High School for retiring teachers Friday, May 23, at 3:00pm
- Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 24.

Wabash River

Joe reported he met with Wallace, Roberts, & Todd, Master Plan consultants for the Wabash River, along with a group of others involved in the Master Planning process. Eventually, there will be a website available for citizens to read comments.

Mike reported he received a letter from Congressman Steve Buyer advocating the work on the Wabash River, noting the significance of Congressman Buyer's support for the 2008 Water Resources Act.

Paula reported "DeTrash the Wabash" was cancelled at this time, due to inclement weather and flooding.

Other**Trail Extension**

Joe reported he received signed approval of the easement with Friendship House for the continued trail extension, which will comply with ADA and be funded with Community Development Block Grant funds.

New Signage

Joe passed around sample photos for the new Peck-Trachtman Park sign. Joe also reported a new sign will be installed at the municipal pool this season.

Letter

Joe reported the Board President received a letter regarding the proposed new KCB TIF area. Discussion followed and the Park Board supports it.

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm. Paula motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Presiding Officer

Secretary